STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER American News		2. DATE OF FILING 09/29/00
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE Daily, Mon-Sat. plus Sunday	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 365	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $156.00

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*
124 S. 2nd Street, Aberdeen, Brown Co., S.D. 57401-4010

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*
Same as above

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:
Adrian Pratt

7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.*

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Aberdeen News Company	124 S. 2nd St., Box 4430, Aberdeen, SD 57402-4430
Knight Ridder, Inc.	50 W. San Fernando St., Ste 1500, San Jose, CA 95113-2413

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES *(If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form)*
None

9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION *(See instructions on reverse side)*	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS		ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)*	18,036 20,142	Mon-Sat Sun.	17,045 20,282
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	13,306 15,651	Mon-Sat Sun.	12,504 15,326
2. Mail Subscription *(Paid and or requested)*	3,452 3,075	Mon-Sat Sun.	3,443 3,038
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION *(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)*	16,758 18,727	Mon-Sat Sun.	15,947 18,364
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	1 5	Mon-Sat Sun	1 1
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	61 42	Mon-Sat Sun.	31 31
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION *(Sum of C and D)*	16,820 18,774	Mon-Sat. Sun.	
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	310 365	Mon-Sat Sun.	318 369
2. Return from News Agents	906 1,004	Mon-Sat Sun.	748 1,517
G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 – should equal net press run shown in A)*	18,036 20,142	Mon-Sat Sun.	17,045 20,282

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

State of South Dakota)
: ss
County of Brown)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this 5th day of October 2000

Carla Bonning
Notary Public

My commission expires 08/07/03

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